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77. (Added) A display unit comprising:

a first substrate comprising a plurality of reflection electrodes with a gap portion formed therebetween, a second substrate opposing said first substrate having a transparent electrode, and a liquid crystal material being put between said first and said second substrates, wherein said first substrate has a shading layer at at least part of said gap portion and wherein said shading layer exhibits a different reflection characteristic from said reflection electrodes.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

As discussed with the Examiner on November 20, 2000, by telephone, due to a claim renumbering which occurred as a result of a missing claim 15 in a response by applicants claim 15-45 have been canceled and readded as claims 46-77. This has been done so that applicants clearly understand which claims have been objected to by the Examiner and which would be allowable as indicated in paragraph 13 of the referenced office action.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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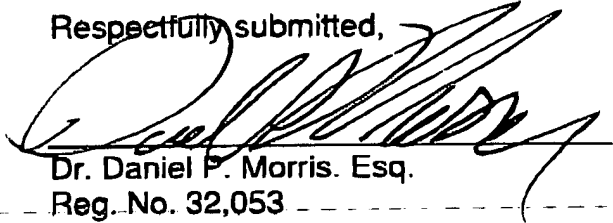
If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,



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